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SUBJECT: EPA STEEL PLANT VISIT

REF: (A) TOKYO 4529, (B) STATE 99298, (C) TOKYO 7570,
(D) STATE 120122, (E) STATE 123360, (F) ASANO/MACONAUGHEY
LTR, 5/23/78

1. ON BEHALF OF FIVE MAJOR IRON AND STEEL COMPANIES,
THE JAPAN IRON AND STEEL FEDERATION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT THE COMPANIES ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH EPA
TEAM IN LATTER'S PROPOSED VISITS TO JAPANESE STEEL PLANTS
TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TEAM'S ACTIVITIES AT STEEL PLANTS
ARE WITHIN THE LIMITS AGREED UPON BY THE COMPANIES.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE COMPANIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE
VISITORS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE CAMERAS AT THE
PLANTS OR TO USE EQUIPMENT TO MEASURE POLLUTANTS, AND
THAT THE TIME ALLOWED FOR VISITING A PLANT SHOULD NOT

EXCEED THREE HOURS. DURING THIS TIME, THE TEAM CAN
EXPECT TO RECEIVE BRIEFING, OBSERVE PROCESSES AND GATHER
VISIBLE POLLUTANT EMISSIONS DATA, COST DATA, AND OTHER
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RELEVANT INFORMATION.

3. THE FEDERATION HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PARTICIPATION
OF AN OBSERVER FROM THE AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.

4. ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR JUMPEI ANDO OF CHUO
UNIVERSITY, EPA'S CONSULTANT IN JAPAN, AND PROFESSOR

KAZUHIRO GOTO OF TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED BY EPA TO SERVE AS ANOTHER EPA CONSULTANT IN JAPAN, INFORMATION AND DATA ON EMISSION CONTROL WILL BE FORTHCOMING IF VISITORS TALK WITH ENGINEERS DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS RATHER THAN WITH PLANT MANAGERS AND OTHER SUPERVISING OFFICIALS.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT EPA DESIGNATE PROF. GOTO AS ITS CONSULTANT IN JAPAN AND CONTACT HIM ESPECIALLY ON EPA STEEL PLANT VISIT SINCE PROF. GOTO, A METALLURGIST, IS INTIMATELY AQUAINTED WITH LEADING ENGINEERS IN IRON-STEEL INDUSTRY. HE CAN BE REACHED AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, C/O PROF. RAPP, DEPARTMENT OF METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING, JULY 10-14.

6. AFTER REPEATEDLY DISCUSSING THE VISIT WITH JAPANESE IRON AND STEEL FEDERATION, THE EMBASSY IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT, DESPITE ITS SEEMINGLY RESERVED ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROPOSED VISIT, THE FEDERATION, REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION, IS PREPARED TO EXTEND AS MUCH COOPERATION AS IT CAN. EMBASSY FEELS THAT EPA VISITORS MAY BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR PURPOSE TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT IF THE MISSION IS EXCLUSIVELY TECHNICALLY ORIENTED. MANSFIELD

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